

BEST FREE GENEALOGY WEBSITES

RESOURCE LIST

Ancestry <https://www.ancestry.com/>

Link to free collections on ancestry from Lisa Louise Cooke

https://www.ancestry.com/search/categories/freeindexacom/?clickref=1101lvVKPCcd&o_lid=0110114xKh&o_sch=Affiliate%2BExternal&o_xid=0110114xKh

Family Search <https://www.familysearch.org/en/>

Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center (ACPLGC) <https://acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy> (slide 16-18)

Lisa Louise Cooke <https://lisalouisecooke.com/> (slide 19-21)

HOW TO USE PERSI <https://lisalouisecooke.com/2022/06/28/persi/>

FREE ANCESTRY PAGES <https://www.youtube.com/user/GenealogyGems?app=desktop>

LINK TO YOUTUBE VIDEOS <https://m.youtube.com/user/GenealogyGems>

Any Johnson Crow <https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/> (slide 22-23)

HOW TO USE PERSI <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8a8hUOHd6Ug>

FACEBOOK PAGE <https://www.facebook.com/AmyJohnsonCrow/>

FREE GOVERNMENT WEBSITES (slide 24-31)

CASTLE GARDEN <http://www.castlegarden.org/>

ELLIS ISLAND <https://heritage.statueofliberty.org/>

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS www.loc.gov

NATIONAL ARCHIVES <https://www.archives.gov/research/guide-fed-records>

NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY <https://www.nypl.org/about/divisions/milstein/genealogy>
<https://www.nypl.org/research/collections/digital-collections/public-domain>

US CENSUS RECORDS <https://www.archives.gov/research/census/online-resources>

WORLDCAT www.worlcat.org nearly 18,000 libraries worldwide

FREE ILLINOIS RESOURCES (slide 32-36)

ABRAHAM LINCOLN PRESIDENTIAL Library and Museum <https://presidentlincoln.illinois.gov/library-collections/> Has some digitized records here: <https://presidentlincoln.illinois.gov/digital-resources/>

ILLINOIS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY https://ilgensoc.org/cstm_ILcmbDB.php

ILLINOIS STATE ARCHIVES <https://ilsos.gov/departments/archives/databases/home.html>

IRAD (IL Regional Archives) <https://www.ilsos.gov/departments/archives/IRAD/iradholdings.html>

- Quick Links https://www.ilsos.gov/departments/archives/gen_research.html#links

RECORDS AVAILABLE AT ILLINOIS STATE ARCHIVES

Birth Records https://www.ilsos.gov/departments/archives/gen_research.html#birth

Census Records https://www.ilsos.gov/departments/archives/gen_research.html#census

Databases <https://www.ilsos.gov/departments/archives/databases/home.html>

Death Records https://www.ilsos.gov/departments/archives/gen_research.html#death

Fees https://www.ilsos.gov/departments/archives/fee_schedule.html

Genealogical Research https://www.ilsos.gov/departments/archives/gen_research.html

Genealogical Research pamphlets https://www.ilsos.gov/departments/archives/gen_research.html#pamphlets

Land Sale Records https://www.ilsos.gov/departments/archives/gen_research.html#land

Marriage Records https://www.ilsos.gov/departments/archives/gen_research.html#marriage
Military Service Records https://www.ilsos.gov/departments/archives/gen_research.html#military
Publications and Forms <https://www.ilsos.gov/publications/archivespub.html>
Public Domain Land Records <https://apps.ilsos.gov/isa/landsrch.jsp>
Statewide Death Index pre 1916 <https://apps.ilsos.gov/isavital/deathsrch.jsp>
Veterans' Records https://www.ilsos.gov/departments/archives/gen_research.html#veterans
World War I Draft Registration Records https://www.ilsos.gov/departments/archives/gen_research.html#ww

OTHER ILLINOIS WEBSITES (slide 37)

Chicago History Museum <https://www.chicagohistory.org/>
DuPage County Historical Museum <https://dupagemuseum.org/>
DuSable Museum of African-American History <https://www.dusablemuseum.org/>
Illinois in the Civil War <https://digital.lib.niu.edu/illinois/civilwar>
Newberry Library <https://www.newberry.org/>
First Division Museum at Cantigny <https://www.fdmuseum.org/>

OTHER FREE WEBSITES (slide 38-44)

DIGITAL PUBLIC LIBRARY OF AMERICA <https://dp.la/>
LINKPENDIUM <http://www.linkpendium.com/>
Cyndi's List <https://www.cyndislist.com/categories/>
Internet Archive <https://archive.org/>

MORE FREE WEBSITES (slide 45)

The Ancestor Hunt <https://theancestorhunt.com/yearbooks.htm> (HS and college yearbooks)
Classmates.com <https://www.classmates.com/yearbooks/> (HS yearbooks)
Freedman's Bureau <https://www.archives.gov/research/african-americans/freedmens-bureau>
JewishGen <https://www.jewishgen.org/>

STILL MORE FREE SITES (slide 46-56)

DAR <https://librarycatalog.dar.org/library2/Default.aspx>
Find-A-Grave <https://www.findagrave.com/>
HathiTrust <https://www.hathitrust.org/>
Heritage Quest free access through IPPL <https://ippl.info/> -> Research ->Genealogy ->HQ
Legacy.com <https://www.legacy.com/>
Midwest Genealogy Center <https://www.mymcpl.org/genealogy>
OliveTreeGenealogy <http://www.olivetreegenealogy.com/index.shtml>
Roots Web <https://home.rootsweb.com/>
Soldiers-and-Sailors-database <https://www.nps.gov/civilwar/soldiers-and-sailors-database.htm> (Civil War database, both sides)

FREE NEWSPAPER WEBSITES (slide 57-60)

California Digital Newspaper Project <https://libraries.usc.edu/databases/california-digital-newspaper-collection>
Chronicling America <https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>
Elephind <https://elephind.com/>

FREE MAPS AND ATLAS WEBSITES (slide 61-66)

Atlas of the Historical Geography of the United States <https://dsl.richmond.edu/historicalatlas/>

Bureau of Land Management <https://glorerecords.blm.gov/>

Meyers Gazeteer <https://www.meyersgaz.org/>

David Rumsey Map Collection <https://www.davidrumsey.com/>

Us Geological Survey <https://www.usgs.gov/news/featured-story/new-way-find-old-maps>

OTHER SITES – MAY BE WORTH A TRY (slide 67-71)

Access Genealogy <https://accessgenealogy.com/>

Genealogy Trails <http://genealogytrails.com/ill/>

Illinois GenWeb <http://www.usgwarchives.net/il/ilfiles.htm>

US GenWeb <https://usgenweb.org/>

SUBSCRIPTION SITES WITH FREE TRIALS (slide 72-79)

Archives.com <https://www.archives.com/>

Billion Graves <https://billiongraves.com/>

Find My Past <https://www.findmypast.com/>

Fold3 <https://www.fold3.com/freetrial.php>

Genealogy Bank <https://www.genealogybank.com/> (no longer has free trial?)

Legacy Family Tree webinars (sometimes free) <https://familytreewebinars.com/>

My Heritage <https://www.myheritage.com/>

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